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In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1793

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.116

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated November 4, 2009. The period for response is extended one month, from February 4, 2010, to March 4, 2010, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time. Please amend the application as shown on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.